

Crafting for a Cause: Create Your Own Pennant



What are you *passionate* about? Look closely at this image from the Autry Museum to see what people were passionate about long ago. What do you think it is? It is a “Votes for Women” pennant from the early 1900s. A pennant is a type of banner or flag. People used pennants like this one at parades and other events during the women’s *suffrage* movement. Both men and women fought to win women the right to vote during the women’s suffrage movement.

The United States Constitution did not include women’s suffrage until the 19th *Amendment*. In August 1920, the 19th Amendment guaranteed full suffrage to the women of the United States. Women won full or partial suffrage in many western states such as Wyoming, Colorado, and California well before the 19th Amendment. Some women were still unable to vote until after the 19th Amendment because of state laws that were *discriminatory*.

August 2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Celebrate this important moment in time by making a pennant that supports a *cause* that you are passionate about. Create your pennant using materials found around your home. Then follow the instructions below.

Materials

- printable pennant template (see example) or a piece of cardboard, cloth, paper, etc.
- writing instruments such as colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, pencils, etc.
- decorating materials such as glitter, paint, ribbons, stickers, string, yarn, etc.
- a wooden stick such as a pencil, ruler, or stick from outdoors
- glue, scissors, and tape

Instructions

1. Print out the printable pennant template or draw the shape of a pennant on a piece of cardboard, cloth, or paper.
2. Using scissors, cut the printable pennant template out along the dotted lines or cut out your drawing of a pennant.
3. Choose a cause that you are passionate about (animal rights, human rights, protecting the planet, world peace, etc.).
4. Choose a *slogan* like “Votes for Women” that will create awareness about your cause and write it on your pennant.
5. Decorate your pennant using different decorating materials and writing instruments.
6. Glue or tape the wooden stick along the short, straight edge of your pennant.
7. Share your pennant with your classmates, family, or friends.

Glossary

Amendment: a change in wording or meaning especially in a law, bill, or motion

Cause: something (such as an organization, belief, idea, or goal) that people or a group support or fight for

Discriminatory: not fair; unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people

Passionate: having, showing, or expressing strong emotions or beliefs about something

Slogan: a word or phrase that is easy to remember and is used by a group or business to attract attention

Suffrage: the right to vote

Printable Pennant Template

This side is the short, straight edge of the pennant that the wooden stick can be attached to.



Resources

Small pennant stenciled “Votes for Women,” approximately 1910–1920. Used in public rallies, demonstrations, or parades. Autry Museum; 2002.106.2

Do you want to see the pennant you created on our Instagram or Twitter?

Ask an adult to send a photograph of the pennant you made along with your name and your age to outreach@theautry.org for a chance to be featured on our social media!

Accepting work from artists of all ages. Must be 18-years or older to submit.

For more information about women’s suffrage, visit TheAutry.org/education.